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VIRGINIA'S PEANUT AND SOYBEAN YIELDS DOWN; COTTON AND CORN YIELDS UP SLIGHTLY

Virginia's corn yield as of November 1 is estimated to be 60 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels per acre from the previous month's forecast. Corn producers in the Commonwealth are expected to harvest 320,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from last year. Production is forecast to be nearly 19.2 million bushels, down 56 percent from last year.

The Commonwealth's peanut yield is forecast to be 1,800 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds per acre from the previous month's forecast. Production is estimated to be 32.4 million pounds, down 27 percent from last year. Producers are expected to harvest 18,000 acres in 2010.

Cotton yields are forecast to be 685 pounds per acre, up 12 pounds per acre from last month but down 367 pounds per acre from last year. Production is expected to total 117,000 bales. Cotton growers in the Commonwealth expect to harvest 82,000 acres in 2010.

Virginia's soybean producers expect to average 23 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from the October forecast and down 14 bushels per acre from last year. Soybean production is expected to total nearly 12.7 million bushels from 550,000 acres.

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U. S. Corn Production Down 1 Percent from October Forecast

U.S. Soybean Production Down 1 Percent

U.S. Upland Cotton Production Down 2 Percent

U.S. **corn** production is forecast at 12.5 billion bushels; down 1 percent from last month and 4 percent lower than 2009. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 154.3 bushels per acre, down 1.5 bushels from October and 10.4 bushels below last year. Forecasted yields decreased from last month throughout much of the Corn Belt, with the biggest decline forecasted in Missouri, down 7 bushels per acre. The expected yield in South Dakota declined 5 bushels from last month while the Nebraska yield dropped 4 bushels per acre. Record high yields are forecast in California, Georgia, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Soybean production in the U.S. is forecast at a record high 3.38 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast but up slightly from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 43.9 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushels from last month and down 0.1 bushels from 2009. If realized, the forecasted yields in Illinois, Louisiana, New York and Wisconsin will be record highs and the forecasted yield in Michigan and North Dakota will tie the previous record high.

All cotton production is forecasted at 18.4 million 480-pound bales, down 2 percent from last month but up 51 percent from last year's 12.2 million bales. Yield is expected to average 821 pounds per harvested acre, up 44 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 17.9 million 480-pound bales, down 2 percent from last month but 52 percent above 2009. Producers in Texas and Oklahoma are expecting decreased yields from last month. American Pima production, forecast at 497,800 bales, was carried forward from last month.

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